



## Grants Alert

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## HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR 15<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a component of the Office of Justice Programs, has approved awards to various jurisdictions in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District through a supplement to the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program. The Department of Justice made these funds available to assist in the replacement of Zylon-based body armor vests.

"Our communities' law enforcement agencies are crucial in responding to incidents of all types," said Hinojosa. "Ensuring that these men and women have access to the most advanced and adequate type of equipment to guarantee their safety is of the utmost importance. We must continue supporting their efforts and continue providing them with the tools they need to get the job done."

based vests. Eligible jurisdictions had until September 22, 2005 to apply. Jurisdictions with fewer than 100,000 residents were eligible for 50 percent of their vest costs, while jurisdictions with over 100,000 residents were eligible for 16.8 percent of their vest costs.

Below are recipients of the awards:

- City of Cuero – \$2,485.00
- City of McAllen – \$7,246.96
- City of Harlingen – \$29,800.00
- Jim Wells County – \$5,069.87
- City of Pharr – \$21,390.00

**President's Day**  
**February 20th**



As part of the Department of Justice's Body Armor Safety Initiative, the department's National Institute of Justice tested Zylon-based vests and found that these vests may not have the needed level of ballistic resistance. On August 24, 2005, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced that, in addition to BJA's existing BVP program, \$10 million would be made available to help replace Zylon-





## **HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES E-RATE GRANT FOR EDCOUCH - ELSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District has received a total of \$306,739.87 in funding under the E-Rate program, which provides discounts between 20 and 90 percent to schools and libraries for the cost of education technology (Internet Access and Telecom Services). The funding represents discounts that schools will receive for specific technology needs, including Internet services and access, telecommunications, and internal connections needed to bring information straight to schools and libraries.

funds will help teachers and administrators teach our children in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom and ensure that they're ready to tackle all the challenges of a global marketplace."

The E-Rate program will provide more than \$2.1 billion in discounts to tens of thousands of schools, with the costs being covered by the Universal Service Fund, until the fund is exhausted. The E-Rate's first funding priority is for telecommunications services and Internet access, and the second funding priority is for internal connections and wiring at schools and libraries.

"The internet, and other forms of technology, is an integral part of teaching today's students," said Hinojosa. "These



## **HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES HOUSING GRANT FOR AMIGOS DEL VALLE**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that Amigos del Valle has received a \$285,000 flexible grant from NeighborWorks America for affordable housing projects.

Overall, Texas will receive \$2.42 million in grants to create more economic development and affordable housing opportunities for Texans.

"The goal of homeownership is the culmination of the American dream for so many in our communities," said Hinojosa. "Providing families and individuals with the opportunities they need to make this dream a reality is part of building a strong economy."

This is the first of three rounds of grants this year. Other grants will provide relief for hurricane evacuees resettling in communities across the nation; to rebuild areas in the Gulf Coast; and to launch a public education campaign regarding ways to rehabilitate flood-damaged homes; avoid foreclosure after missing mortgage payments due to loss of income; and offer information to individuals about predatory lenders.

Created in 1978 by Congress, NeighborWorks America launched the NeighborWorks network of community development nonprofits charged with closing the homeownership gaps; improving financial literacy; rehabilitating and repairing properties; and, making investments in communities.

Founded in 1974, Amigos del Valle's mission is to enhance the quality of life in the lower Rio Grande Valley and south Texas through the provision of diversified and effective human services, community development activities, and advocacy, which are directed to low- and moderate-income individuals and families; with special emphasis on assisting the elderly population, to maintain active, healthy, and independent lives. ADV's constituency and target areas are 85% Hispanic, with a very large percentage from farm worker families.

Congressman Hinojosa is co-founder and chairman of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus. The Congressional Rural Housing Caucus aims to expand the availability of affordable housing; eliminate substandard housing in rural America; and, focus on improving infrastructure.

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## AGRICULTURE

### Market Access Program

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)*

**Deadline: 03/13/2006**

The MAP is designed to create, expand and maintain foreign markets for United States' agricultural commodities and products through cost-share assistance. Financial assistance under the MAP will be made available on a competitive basis and applications will be reviewed against the evaluation criteria contained herein. All agricultural commodities, except tobacco, are eligible for consideration.

Eligible Applicants: To participate in the MAP, an applicant must be: A nonprofit U.S. agricultural trade organization, a nonprofit state regional trade group (i.e., an association of State Departments of Agriculture), a U.S. agricultural cooperative, or a State agency. A small-sized U.S. commercial entity (other than a cooperative or producer association) may participate through a MAP participant.

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### National Integrated Water Quality Program #1 (Priority #1: National Facilitation Projects)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)

**Deadline: 04/11/2006**

CSREES requests applications for the Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program: National Integrated Water Quality Program for fiscal year 2006 to develop research, education, and extension projects aimed at improving the quality of water resources in agricultural watersheds across the Nation. The goal of the NIWQP is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of our Nation's surface water and groundwater resources through research, education, and extension activities. Projects funded through this program will facilitate achieving this goal by advancing and disseminating the knowledge base available to agricultural, rural, and urbanizing communities. Funded projects should lead to science-based decision making and management practices that improve the quality of the Nation's surface water and groundwater resources in agricultural, rural, and urbanizing watersheds. Across the nation, communities are attempting to formulate public policy and management strategies that will allow economic growth and increased profitability. Proposed projects should coordinate new or expand existing programs to provide a common base of knowledge in support of individuals and communities addressing economic growth and profitability while also protecting or improving water resources.

Total funding available: \$10,185,890

Eligible Applicants: Colleges and universities

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Website: [www.csrees.usda.gov](http://www.csrees.usda.gov)

### National Integrated Water Quality Program #3 (Priority #3: Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Projects)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)

**Deadline: 04/11/2006**

CSREES requests applications for the Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program: National Integrated Water Quality Program for fiscal year 2006 to develop research, education, and extension projects aimed at improving the quality of water resources in agricultural watersheds across the Nation. The goal of the NIWQP is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of our Nation's surface water and groundwater resources through research, education, and extension activities. Projects funded through this program will facilitate achieving this goal by advancing and disseminating the knowledge base available to agricultural, rural, and urbanizing communities. Funded projects should lead to science-based decision making and management practices that improve the quality of the Nation's surface water and groundwater resources in agricultural, rural, and urbanizing watersheds. All proposed projects in this area must present a fully integrated research, education, and extension approach to solve water resource problems at the whole watershed scale that include linked research objectives, education objectives, and extension/outreach objectives.

Total funding available: \$10,185,890

Eligible Applicants: Colleges and universities

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### Conservation Effects Assessment Project: Evaluating the Effects of Conservation Practices on Water Quality within the Biophysical Setting of a Watershed

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 04/11/2006**

CSREES requests applications for the Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program—Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) for fiscal year (FY) 2006 to develop research, education, and extension projects aimed at improving the quality of water resources in agricultural watersheds across the Nation. This is a joint effort with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA). In FY 2006, CSREES anticipates that approximately \$2.6 million will be available to support CEAP projects, including funds contributed by NRCS. This RFA is a supplement to the FY 2006 National Integrated Water Quality Program (NIWQP) RFA. It identifies the objectives for CEAP projects, the eligibility criteria for projects and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions needed to apply for a CEAP grant. CEAP seeks to fund projects that evaluate the effects of watershed conservation practices, especially with respect to understanding how the suite of conservation practices, the timing of these activities, and the spatial distribution of these practices throughout a watershed influence their effectiveness for achieving locally defined water quality goals.

Total funding available: \$2,600,000

Number of Awards: 4

Eligible Applicants: Colleges and universities

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### National Research Initiative: Animal Biosecurity Coordinated Agricultural Projects

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)*

**Deadline: 10/31/2006**

Strengthening the Nation's capacity to protect animal agriculture from disease losses and threats arising from high impact endemic diseases, new or re-emerging challenges, or foreign diseases accidentally or intentionally introduced, is a major challenge facing the U.S. The Animal Biosecurity Program was initiated in FY 2003 and serves as a catalyst to bring the larger animal health community together for specific diseases or issues. In FY 2006, this program only invites renewal applications for existing Coordinated Agricultural Projects (CAP); specifically for: 1) Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and 2) Johne's Disease. Please note that program priorities may have changed. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$4,800,000

Eligible Applicants: City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other Than , Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, State Governments

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### ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### Radio Projects: Consultation Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*

**Deadline: 2/20/2006** Preliminary Proposal, **3/20/2006** Final proposals

The goal of NEH in supporting projects for radio is two-fold: to increase the presence of the humanities within radio programming and to use the variety and creativity of radio production to engage public audiences in the ideas, approaches, and resources of the humanities. Consultation grants support

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the earliest stages of developing humanities programs for radio. Producers, radio stations, and other non-profit organizations may use these grants to consult with humanities scholars about the content of proposed radio programs. Radio stations and organizations may use these grants to assess existing programs, evaluate archives and resources, and consult with scholars about ways of using these resources to produce humanities radio programming. Organizations and producers that have never received an NEH grant are especially encouraged to apply. Projects should address significant figures, events, or developments in the humanities and draw their content from humanities scholarship. Each project should have a team of scholarly advisers working closely with radio professionals over the course of the grant to ensure that the humanities themes and questions are well conceived and that the project is informed by significant scholarship. The advisers should represent the major areas of scholarship, have diverse perspectives and approaches, and come from across the nation.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 tax exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

Contact: Division of Public Programs, Phone: 202-606-8267, Email: [publicpgms@neh.gov](mailto:publicpgms@neh.gov)

Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### Radio Projects: Development and Production Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*

**Deadline: 3/20/2006**

NEH supports radio programs that address significant figures, events, or developments in the humanities and draw their content from humanities scholarship. Grants are made to radio organizations and stations, as well as to independent radio producers affiliated with non-profit institutions. Development grants enable producers and scholars to develop the content and format and to prepare the programs for production. These grants cover a wide range of activities, including meetings and individual consultation with humanities scholars, field and archival research, preliminary interviews, preparation of program treatments, and, if desired, production of pilots. The product of development grants should be detailed program descriptions or treatments. Production grants enable producers and scholars to continue their engagement with humanities topics, and they support the production and postproduction of programs. Production grants can also be used to support the creation of companion Web sites for radio programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with 501(c) 3 tax exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

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Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### Partnership for a Nation of Learners: Community Collaboration Grants

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)*

**Deadline: 3/01/2005**

Partnership for a Nation of Learners Community Collaboration Grants are intended to strengthen the ability of museums, libraries, and public broadcasting licensees to work together to help audiences gain knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors, and resources that enhance their engagement in community, work, family, and society. Projects should demonstrate how the participating institutions will use their respective resources collaboratively to increase learning and educational opportunities and to address other local community needs. The program funds ongoing or new collaborative activities and projects among museums, libraries, and public broadcasting licensees that are designed to: address community civic and educational needs, increase the organizations' capacity to serve as effective venues and resources for learning, or enhance infrastructure and technology to serve audiences more effectively.

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

Eligible Applicants: libraries, museums and public broadcasters (see website for more details)

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### Folk and Traditional Arts: Access to Artistic Excellence #1

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline 3/13/2006**

The National Endowment for the Arts is interested in projects, regardless of the size or type of applicant organization, that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that tour in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. This includes local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as models for a field. Support for projects that present the folk and traditional arts through: Public performances, Exhibitions, Festivals, Workshops and demonstrations, Touring, Media such as film, video, radio, and the Internet

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Folk & Traditional Art Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5678 or 202-682-5726

Website: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)

### Television Projects: Consultation Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 03/20/2006**

NEH supports television projects that are designed for national broadcast and that will engage diverse public audiences in the ideas, approaches, and resources of the humanities. Consultation grants enable television professionals to confer with humanities scholars in the earliest stages of developing programs to ensure that the humanities themes and questions are well conceived and that the project is informed by sound scholarship. Television projects may be single programs or multi-part series. They can also be documentary programs or historical dramatizations. Projects should:

- address significant figures, events, or developments in the humanities and draw their content from humanities scholarship;
- have a team of scholarly advisers working closely with the television professionals over the course of the grant;
- use advisers who represent the major areas of scholarship on the subject, take diverse perspectives and approaches, and come from across the nation; and be intended for broadcast to the widest possible audience during prime time hours.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 tax exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

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### Dance: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 08/13/2006**

Access to Artistic Excellence encourages and supports artistic creativity, preserves our diverse cultural heritage, and makes the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country. While projects in this category may focus on just one of these areas, the Arts Endowment recognizes that many of the most effective projects encompass both artistic excellence and enhanced access. Support is available to organizations for projects that do one or more of the following:

- Provide opportunities for artists to create, refine, perform, and exhibit their work.
- Present artistic works of all cultures and periods.
- Preserve significant works of art and cultural traditions.
- Enable arts organizations and artists to expand and diversify their audiences.
- Provide opportunities for individuals to experience and participate in a wide range of art forms and activities.



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- Enhance the effectiveness of arts organizations and artists.
- Employ the arts in strengthening communities.

The Arts Endowment is particularly interested in projects that extend the arts to underserved populations - those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Dance Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5739, Website: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)

### 21st Century Museum Professionals

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*

**Deadline: 3/15/2006**

Museums play a critical role in the education of the public in the United States by preserving America's rich cultural heritage and helping to transmit it from one generation to the next. Museum professionals need high levels of knowledge and expertise as they help to create public value for both local and national communities. This program supports projects that address the preparation of museum professionals for the future by updating and expanding their knowledge and skills.

The 21st Century Museum Professionals program supports a range of activities, including professional training in all areas of museum operations and leadership development. This program provides the museum community with support for a variety of training and personnel development activities for museum staff members across all types of museums, as well as the collection and dissemination of information to museum professionals and the public. Project design could include direct dissemination of information through workshops, seminars, and courses or indirect communication through publications and Web sites. Projects should benefit multiple institutions or diverse constituencies.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: All types of museums, large and small, are eligible for funding. Eligible museums include aquariums, arboretums and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums, and zoological parks. Federally operated and for-profit museums may not apply for IMLS funds.

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### Design: Access to Artistic Excellence #1

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 3/13/2006**

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- Competitions.
- Commissions.
- Community workshops surrounding new projects.

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- The exhibition of recent work.
- The publication of advancements in design or design theory.

Conferences, symposia, and other gatherings that promote innovation in design practice.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Design Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5796, Website: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)

### Literature: Access to Artistic Excellence #1

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 3/13/2006**

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Through Literary Publishing, the National Endowment for the Arts supports literary magazines and independent and university presses to publish, distribute, and promote poetry, fiction, translation, and creative nonfiction by contemporary writers. Support is available for projects that include but are not limited to:

- Publication, production, promotion, and distribution of books and magazine issues.
- Payments to writers.
- Efforts to increase book sales or magazine circulation and expand readership.
- Publishing projects that maintain the availability of contemporary works of literary merit that would otherwise be lost.

Online publishing projects that will provide readers with greater access to literature.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Literature Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5771, Website: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)

### Folk & Arts: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 08/14/2006**

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- Identification and documentation of artists and artistic resources.
- Conservation of archival material.
- Public programs that raise awareness of cultural heritage.
- Workshops, residencies, and apprenticeships.
- Conferences and gatherings of artists.



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- Technical assistance and provision of cultural expertise to arts organizations.

Projects that strengthen a state or region's infrastructure of support for the folk and traditional arts. This may include the creation of long-term organizational and community partnerships or support for no more than three years of professional folk arts positions.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Folk & Traditional Arts Specialists, Phone: 202-682-5678 or 202-682-5726

Website: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)

### Museum: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 08/14/2006**

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Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Museum Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5576, Website: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)

### Design: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 8/14/2006**

The National Endowment for the Arts is interested in projects, regardless of the size or type of applicant organization, that are of national, regional, or field-wide significance; that occur in several states; or that provide an unusual or especially valuable contribution because of geographic location. This includes local projects that can have significant effects within communities or that are likely to serve as models for a field. The Access to Artistic Excellence category is the standard means of applying for a grant in Design. Applications will be accepted under two deadlines: March 13, 2006, and August 14, 2006. Funded activities can be loosely divided into two areas: Innovation and Stewardship. Stewardship refers to projects that protect, share, or celebrate our collective design heritage. These include, among others:

- Historic preservation activities.
- The exhibition and publication of the design of the past.
- Education and outreach that bring established design practices to American communities.

Conferences, symposia, and other gatherings that promote the heritage and conservation of design.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

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### Literature: Access to Artistic Excellence #2

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 08/14/2006**

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Through Audience Development, the National Endowment for the Arts encourages national and regional activities that promote and develop audiences for literature. Support is available for projects that include but are not limited to:

- Residencies and readings.
- Touring of writers.
- Efforts to provide increased community access and audience exposure to literature and the craft of writing.
- Media projects that promote literature.
- Literary festivals.
- Distribution of works of literary value.

Innovative uses of technology to provide readers with access to writers and literature.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally-recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Literature Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5771, Website: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)

### Challenge Grants #1

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 05/01/2006**

NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Because of the matching requirements, these NEH awards also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Both federal and nonfederal funds must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. Challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being expended on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to strengthen and enhance the institution's activities in and commitment to the humanities. Challenge grants most commonly augment or establish endowments that support humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation. Institutions may use the income from invested funds to meet ongoing humanities-related costs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools or school districts, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency or private nonprofit organization) working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply for a challenge grant. Affiliated institutions (e.g., university museums) should consult with NEH staff on questions of separate eligibility.

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### Challenge Grants #2

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 11/01/2006**

NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Because of the matching requirements, these NEH awards also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Both federal and nonfederal funds must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. Challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being ex-

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pendent on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to strengthen and enhance the institution's activities in and commitment to the humanities. Direct grant funds may also be used for bridging support, where the challenge grant provides for endowment income to meet the same expenses in the future. Bridging funds up to the equivalent amount of projected endowment income may be used to cover expenses during the grant period, while the endowment is being established.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools or school districts, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency or private nonprofit organization) working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply for a challenge grant. Affiliated institutions (e.g., university museums) should consult with NEH staff on questions of separate eligibility.

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, Phone: 202-606-8309, Email: [challenge@neh.gov](mailto:challenge@neh.gov), Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### DISABILITIES

#### Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities: Center To Support Technology Innovation for Students With Disabilities

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)*

**Deadline: 12/02/2006**

The purpose of the program is to:

- Improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology,
- support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies (SEAs); local educational agencies (LEAs); public charter schools that are LEAs under State law; institutions of higher education (IHEs); other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas; freely associated States; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and for-profit organizations.

Contact: Jane Hauser, Contact Phone: 202-245-7373

Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Community Services Block Grant Program Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program: Operational Projects

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*

**Deadline: 05/12/2006**

Pursuant to this announcement and, contingent upon available funding and statutory authorization, the Office of Community Services will award Community Economic Development discretionary grant funds for operational projects to Community Development Corporations that are experienced in implementing economic development projects. The purpose of these grants is to create new employment and business development opportunities for low-income individuals. Eligible CDCs, including American Indian, Native Alaskan, and faith-based CDCs, must have in place:

- written unconditional financial commitments for all non-CED funding needed for the project,
- management, staff and other resources to operate the project,
- evidence of site control for the project (e.g., lease agreement, or deed) and

referral sources from which low-income individuals would access the project.

Grant funds awarded under this announcement are intended to provide resources to eligible CDCs for their job creation and business projects as well as to address broader objectives such as arresting tendencies toward financial dependency, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in both urban and rural areas. Eligible CDCs must submit a business plan that demonstrates the economic feasibility of the venture.

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Maximum Grant Size: \$700,000

Number of Awards: 19-20

Eligible Applicants: Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education and Non-profits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Contact: Debbie Brown, Email: [ocsggrants@ocf.hhs.gov](mailto:ocsggrants@ocf.hhs.gov)

Website: [www.ocf.hhs.gov](http://www.ocf.hhs.gov)

### Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*

**Deadline: 03/21/2006**

The purpose of the JOLI program is to provide technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community to assist them in creating employment and business opportunities for individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and for other low-income individuals. Projects focus on one of three program strategies: new business ventures, business expansion, and self-employment/micro-enterprise. While projected employment in future years may be included in the application, it is essential that the focus of the project concentrate on the creation of new full-time, permanent jobs and/or new realized business development opportunities for TANF recipients and other low-income individuals during the grant project period. The Office of Community Services is particularly interested in receiving innovative applications that grow out of the experience and creativity of applicants and the needs of their clientele and communities, and that seek to integrate projects into a larger effort of broad community revitalization.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Number of Awards: 10-12

Eligible Applicants: Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Faith-based and community organizations that meet the statutory eligibility requirements are eligible to apply under this announcement; Non-profits having 501(c)(4) status with the IRS are also eligible to apply for this program.

Contact: Thom Campbell, Phone: 800-281-9519, Email: [ocsggrants@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:ocsggrants@acf.hhs.gov)

Website: [www.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.acf.hhs.gov)

### EDUCATION

#### Fellowships for Hands-on Science Learning

**Deadline: Open/ Rolling**

Earthwatch Institute offers educators fully-funded fellowships for hands-on learning with leading scientists doing field research and conservation on one of 130 projects around the world.

Maximum Award: fully-funded fellowship.

Eligibility: Elementary, middle, and high school educators and administrators of any discipline.

Website: <http://www.earthwatch.org/education/educator/opportunities.html>

#### Grants to Integrate Literacy with Personal and Civic Action

**Deadline: 03/01/2006**

Starbucks Foundation Grants fund programs that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live.

Maximum Award: \$5,000.

Eligibility: 501 (c) 3 organizations that work with underserved youth ages 6-18 in the fields of literacy (reading, writing and creative/media arts) and environmental literacy.

Website: <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp>

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### Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest

**Deadline: 03/01/2006**

The Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest is expanding its prize categories to include honoring the teacher of the nation's best handwriting student.

Maximum Award (for student): a new computer system and Zaner-Bloser handwriting software; (for teacher): a trip for two to Boston.

Eligibility: students grades 1-8 whose school uses Zaner-Bloser Handwriting.

Website: <http://www.zaner-bloser.com/html/HWcontest.html>

### Horace Mann-Abraham Lincoln Fellowship

**Deadline: 03/04/2006**

Horace Mann Corporation and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library have partnered to form the Horace Mann-Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, a program designed to help educators study the life and legacy of America's 16th president. The program features a five-day institute at the new library in June and July, 2006.

Maximum Award: \$1,000 each to cover expenses for their trip to the Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois, to participate in programs created by the ALPL Foundation.

Eligibility: full-time educators teaching kindergarten through 12th grade in the U.S.

Website: <http://www.horacemann.com/educator-resources/abraham-lincoln-fellowship-feature.html>

### Recognizing a Teacher Who Overcomes Adversity

**Deadline: 03/01/2006**

Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation Freida J. Riley Teacher Award annually recognizes an American teacher who overcomes adversity or makes an enormous sacrifice in order to positively impact students. It is given in honor of teacher Freida J. Riley who died of Hodgkin's disease at the age of 31.

Maximum Award: \$10,000

Eligibility: full-time teachers (grades K-12), in any accredited U.S. public, private, or charter school.

Website: <http://nmoe.org/riley/images/Riley.pdf>

### Women's Sports Foundation GoGirlGo! Grant and Educational Program

**Deadline: 03/15/2006**

The Foundation provides financial assistance to sports and physical activity programs seeking to add new or expanded program participation opportunities for an under-served population of girls, particularly economically disadvantaged girls and/or girls from populations with high incidences of health-risk behaviors.

Maximum Award: varies

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) program status or nonprofits with a demonstrated ability to deliver girls' sport/physical activity programming to girls in third to eighth grade. If the program does not have nonprofit status, it may be possible to receive a grant under support of a local fiscal agent.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/results.html>

### Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics Education

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)*

**Deadline: 03/08/2006** letter of intent, **04/07/2006** final applications

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This program supports the establishment of Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics for students to develop a broader and deeper understanding of these subject matters (Congressional Academies)

Maximum Grant Size: \$700,000

Number of Awards: 1 – 2

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education, museums, libraries, and other public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions (including for-profit organizations) or a consortium of such agencies, organizations, and institutions.

Contact: Kelley O'Donnell, Phone: 202-205-5231, Email: [academies@ed.gov](mailto:academies@ed.gov)

Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### J8 Global Citizen Programme

**Deadline: 03/31/2006**

The J8 Global Citizen Programme gives winners of its competition the opportunity to travel to Russia in July 2006 to join young people from all the other G8 countries at J8 St Petersburg 2006.

Maximum Award: an all-expenses-paid, 3-day Summit in July 2006, plus various prizes.

Eligibility: groups of 6-8 students aged 13-16.

Website: <http://www.j82006.com>

### Seeking Young Heroes Award

**Deadline: 04/30/2006**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2006 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive award to support their service work or higher education.

Maximum Award: \$2,000

Website: <http://www.barronprize.org/>

### MetLife Foundation Bridge Builders Grant

**Deadline: 04/17/2006**

MetLife Foundation Bridge Builders Grant Program and The National Association of Secondary School Principals is inviting proposals from public middle level and high schools serving large numbers of low-income students and/or underrepresented minorities (40% or more of the student body) to apply for a grant to implement a special initiative aimed at building better relationships among adults and students.

Maximum Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: Middle level and high school principals in public schools serving large numbers of low income and/or large numbers of minority students (more than 40% of the student body) in the United States.

Website: [http://www.principals.org/s\\_nassp/sec.asp?CID=568&DID=48228](http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=568&DID=48228)

### Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions

**Deadline: N/A**

Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions Program is committed to literary-based sponsorships and partners with organizations that focus their core businesses on higher learning, literacy and the arts.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: non-profit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or education (K - 12).



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Website: [http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our\\_company/sponsorship/sponsorships\\_national/donations\\_national.html](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorships_national/donations_national.html)

### Community-based Environmental Education Initiative

**Deadline: 04/17/2006**

National Wildlife Refuge System's The Nature of Learning community-based environmental education initiative seeks to: use National Wildlife Refuges as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues; encourage an interdisciplinary approach to learning that seeks to enhance student academic achievement; utilize field experiences and student-led stewardship projects to connect classroom lessons to real world issues; and involve a partnership among local schools, community groups, natural resource professionals and local businesses.

Maximum Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: schools or non-profit organizations, including "Friends" groups, Cooperative and Interpretive Associations, and Audubon Chapters.

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.cfm>

### Nickelodeon Announces Giveaway Program to Encourage Healthy Play

**Deadline: rolling, until 05/31/06**

Children's television network Nickelodeon will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006. The "Let's Just Play" Giveaway offers kids around the United States the opportunity to take action and enter for a chance to improve their school or community program's fitness resources.

Maximum Award: \$5000

Eligible Applicants: Kids (6-15 years of age), partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders.

Website: [http://www.nick.com/all\\_nick/everything\\_nick/](http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/)

### Nike Bowerman Track Renovation Program

**Deadline: Open/Rolling until 05/31/2009**

The Bowerman Track Renovation Program, administered by Nike's Community Affairs department, provides matching cash grants to community-based, youth-oriented organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks anywhere in the world. Special consideration will be given to existing running tracks in need of repair or refurbishment, and tracks located in low and moderate-income communities.

Maximum Grant Size: matching grants of up to \$50,000 are provided, and approximately \$200,000 will be distributed each year. Visit the website for application guidelines.

Website: <http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=bowerman>

### Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Engineering

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The NSF-wide Mathematical Sciences Priority Area (MSPA), the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) and the Directorate for Engineering (ENG) anticipate funding projects of mutual interest. The research envisioned in this program will seek to build new mathematical and statistical methods and structures within the context of meaningful engineering applications. Appropriate for inclusion under this program are proposals that address the broad topical areas of large data sets (e.g., inference, learning and real-time dynamic optimization), modeling and handling uncertainty (e.g., decision-making under uncertainty) and enhancing the understanding and management of complex systems (e.g., modeling, control and optimization of systems involving multiple scales in time and space). Proposed projects should be innovative and strive for breakthroughs rather than incremental improvement, and should be of compelling independent interest within both the engineering and mathematical and statistical sciences communities. Proposals should focus on developing, extending and analyzing general-purpose mathematical and statistical methods. Efforts at a greater unification of methods, approaches and principles are welcome.

## Funding Opportunities

Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

### Interactions between Mathematical Sciences and Computer Science

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 03/01/2006**

The Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) of the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences and the Division of Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF) of the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering of the National Science Foundation (NSF) plan to support projects of mutual interest in specific areas. More precisely, they plan to support research and development teams focusing on mathematical and computational innovations relevant to the following areas of specific interest:

- Mathematical and statistical models, computational theory and algorithms for high-dimensional, under-sampled data sets
- Algorithms for scalable scientific computation
- Models and algorithms for graphics and visualization

As this joint funding will focus on areas of mutual interest, proposals must originate from teams involving collaborators of mathematical scientists and computer scientists.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 5-10

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

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Total Funding Available: \$5,800,000

Number of Awards: 25

## Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

### Learn and Serve America Higher Education Program #1 (Priority #1: Higher Education Consortia) *Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)*

**Deadline: 2/28/2006**

The purpose of higher education grants is to expand participation in community service and service-learning by supporting innovative community service programs carried out through institutions of higher education that act as civic institutions to meet the human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs of neighboring communities. Emphasis is placed both on institutional change to support service and service-learning within higher education and on community problem-solving and capacity-building.

Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grants support a variety of community service and service-learning activities including: creating and expanding community service and service-learning programs; training faculty, K-12 teachers, and others to conduct service-learning; integrating service-learning into professional education programs; strengthening the service-learning infrastructure within higher education institutions; and supplementing community service and service-learning activities through Federal Work-Study (FWS) programs. Participants in higher education programs include graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community members. Under this competition, Learn and Serve America funds innovative proposals that strengthen the foundations of service-learning in institutions of higher education. Proposals in this category should have a broad impact on the growth of service-learning at state, regional, or national levels.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: State Education Agencies (SEAs), State Commissions on National and Community Service, Grant making Entities (faith-based and other nonprofits serving two or more states), Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, and institutions of higher education to support programs that combine learning and community service.

Contact: Learn and Serve America, Phone: 202-606-7510, Email: [Isahighered@cns.gov](mailto:Isahighered@cns.gov)

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.org>

### Learn and Serve America Community-Based Grants #1

*Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)*

**Deadline: 03/07/2006**

Learn and Serve America provides grants to State Education Agencies (SEAs), State Commissions on National and Community Service, Grantmaking Entities (faith-based and other nonprofits serving two or more states), Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, and Institutions of Higher Education to support programs that combine learning and community service. This approach to education and youth development, called service-learning, engages youth in meeting pressing community needs while they develop leadership, civic competencies, and other skills. The purpose of this grant competition is to promote the development and sustainability of high-quality community-based service-learning programs in youth-serving community organizations across the nation. Funds will be used by intermediary organizations to create curriculum materials; support training and technical assistance activities; make sub-grants to local organizations that will implement service-learning programs for youth ages five to seventeen; and strengthen, expand, and anchor a network of youth-serving community-based organizations that implement service-learning programs.

Eligible Applicants: Learn and Serve America Community-Based grants provide funds to state commissions on national and community service and Grantmaking Entities (GMEs). GMEs are defined by statute for the purposes of this competition as public or private non-profit organizations in existence at least one year at the time of application, experienced with service-learning and proposing to make sub-grants in two or more states.

Contact: Learn and Serve America, Phone: 202-606-7510, Email: [LSAcommunity@cns.gov](mailto:LSAcommunity@cns.gov)

Website: [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org)

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### Learn and Serve America Higher Education Program #2 (Priority #2: Community Based Grants)

*Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)*

**Deadline: 3/07/2006**

The purpose of higher education grants is to expand participation in community service and service-learning by supporting innovative community service programs carried out through institutions of higher education that act as civic institutions to meet the human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs of neighboring communities. Emphasis is placed both on institutional change to support service and service-learning within higher education and on community problem-solving and capacity-building.

Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grants support a variety of community service and service-learning activities including: creating and expanding community service and service-learning programs; training faculty, K-12 teachers, and others to conduct service-learning; integrating service-learning into professional education programs; strengthening the service-learning infrastructure within higher education institutions; and supplementing community service and service-learning activities through Federal Work-Study (FWS) programs. Participants in higher education programs include graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Under this competition, Learn and Serve America funds innovative proposals that strengthen the foundations of service-learning in institutions of higher education. Proposals in this category should have a broad impact on the growth of service-learning at state, regional, or national levels.

Maximum Grant Size: \$4,500,000

Eligible Applicants: State Education Agencies (SEAs), State Commissions on National and Community Service, Grant making Entities (faith-based and other nonprofits serving two or more states), Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, and institutions of higher education to support programs that combine learning and community service.

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Website: <http://www.nationalservice.org>

### Learn and Serve America Higher Education Program #4 (Priority #4: School-Based Competitive Grants) *Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)*

**Deadline: 3/07/2006**

The purpose of higher education grants is to expand participation in community service and service-learning by supporting innovative community service programs carried out through institutions of higher education that act as civic institutions to meet the human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs of neighboring communities. Emphasis is placed both on institutional change to support service and service-learning within higher education and on community problem-solving and capacity-building.

Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grants support a variety of community service and service-learning activities including: creating and expanding community service and service-learning programs; training faculty, K-12 teachers, and others to conduct service-learning; integrating service-learning into professional education programs; strengthening the service-learning infrastructure within higher education institutions; and supplementing community service and service-learning activities through Federal Work-Study (FWS) programs. Participants in higher education programs include graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community members. Under this competition, Learn and Serve America funds innovative proposals that strengthen the foundations of service-learning in institutions of higher education. Proposals in this category should have a broad impact on the growth of service-learning at state, regional, or national levels.

Maximum Grant Size: \$6,500,000

Eligible Applicants: State Education Agencies (SEAs), State Commissions on National and Community Service, Grant making Entities (faith-based and other nonprofits serving two or more states), Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, and institutions of higher education to support programs that combine learning and community service.

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## Funding Opportunities

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.org>

### Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs #1

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)*

**Deadline: 03/09/2006**

The purpose of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is to support early college preparation and awareness activities for low-income students. Applicants are encouraged to include plans to develop and administer an assessment in the tenth and/or eleventh grade to determine whether GEAR UP students are adequately prepared for postsecondary education. Assessments would include math and language skills, and other content areas or skills the applicant believes are sound indicators of preparedness for college-level work. The results of such an assessment would then be used as a substitute for placement tests that members of the cohort who are admitted to a partner institution of higher education would otherwise be required to take, and to guide intervention strategies that focus on the needs of individual GEAR UP students to help ensure that, by the time they graduate from high school, they are prepared for college.

Maximum Grant Size: \$3,000,000

Number of Awards: 4

Eligible Applicants: 1) A State; or (2) a partnership consisting of (A) one or more local educational agencies acting on behalf of (i) one or more elementary schools or secondary schools, and (ii) the secondary schools that students from the schools described in (i) would normally attend; (B) one or more degree granting institutions of higher education; and (C) at least two community organizations or entities, such as businesses, professional associations, community-based organizations, philanthropic organizations, State agencies, institutions or agencies sponsoring programs authorized under subpart 4 of part A of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, or other public or private agencies or organizations.

Contact: Angela Oliphant, Phone: 202-502-7676, Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### National Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Digital Library

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 3/15/2006** Letter of intent, **5/1/2006** Final applications

Building on work supported under the multi-agency Digital Libraries Initiative, this program aims to establish a national digital library that will constitute an online network of learning environments and resources for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at all levels. The program has three tracks: (1) Pathways projects are expected to provide stewardship for the content and services needed by major communities of learners. (2) Services projects are expected to develop services that support users, resource collection providers, and the Core Integration effort and that enhance the impact, efficiency, and value of the library. (3) Targeted Research projects are expected to explore specific topics that have immediate applicability to collections, services, and other aspects of the development of the digital library.

Total funding available: \$4,000,000

Number of Awards: 16 – 22

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit, non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, and unaffiliated individuals

Website: [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)

### Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)*

**Deadline: 04/07/2006**

## Funding Opportunities

The purpose of the ECEPD program is to enhance the school readiness of young children, particularly disadvantaged young children, and to prevent them from encountering difficulties once they enter school, by improving the knowledge and skills of early childhood educators who work in communities that have high concentrations of children living in poverty, and intensive professional development for these early childhood educators in how to provide developmentally appropriate school-readiness services for preschool-age children that are based on the best available research on early childhood pedagogy and on child development and learning. For these grants, increased emphasis is being placed on the quality of program evaluations for the proposed projects.

Maximum Grant Size: \$4,800,000

Number of Awards: 3 – 6

Eligible Applicants: A partnership that has not previously received an ECEPD grant and that consists of at least one entity from each of the following categories:

- One or more institutions of higher education, or other public or private entities (including faith-based organizations), that provide professional development for early childhood educators who work with children from low-income families in high-need communities.
- One or more public agencies (including local educational agencies, State educational agencies, State human services agencies, and State and local agencies administering programs under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990), Head Start agencies, or private organizations (including faith-based organizations).
- If feasible, an entity with demonstrated experience in providing training to educators in early childhood education programs concerning identifying and preventing behavior problems or working with children identified as or suspected to be victims of abuse. This entity may be one of the partners described in paragraphs (i) and (ii) under Eligible Applicants.

A partnership may apply for these funds only if one of the partners currently provides professional development for early childhood educators working in programs located in high-need communities with children from low-income families.

Contact: Rosemary Fennell, Phone: 202-260-0792, Email: [eceprofdev@ed.gov](mailto:eceprofdev@ed.gov)

### Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs #1 (Priority #1: Record Keeping)

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)*

**Deadline: 04/21/2006**

To improve the operation of projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs, the Training Program provides grants to train staff and leadership personnel employed in, participating in, or preparing for employment in, projects funded under the TRIO Programs. Priority 1 is training to improve: record keeping; reporting student and project performance; and, the evaluation of project performance in order to design and operate a model TRIO project.

Maximum Grant Size: \$450,000

Number of Awards: 2 – 3

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and other public and private nonprofit institutions and organizations

Contact: Britt Jung, Phone: 202-502-7600, Email: [TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:TRIO@ed.gov)

Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs #2 (Priority #2: Budget Management)

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)*

**Deadline: 04/21/2006**

To improve the operation of projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs, the Training Program provides grants to train staff and leadership personnel employed in, participating in, or preparing for employment in, projects funded under the TRIO Programs. Priority 2 is training on: Budget management and the legislative and regulatory requirements for operation of the Federal TRIO Programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$450,000

Number of Awards: 2 – 3



## Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and other public and private nonprofit institutions and organizations

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Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs #3 (Priority #3: Assessment)

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)*

**Deadline: 04/21/2006**

To improve the operation of projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs, the Training Program provides grants to train staff and leadership personnel employed in, participating in, or preparing for employment in, projects funded under the TRIO Programs. Priority 3 is training on: Assessment of student needs; proven retention and graduation strategies; and the use of educational technology in order to design and operate a model TRIO project.

Maximum Grant Size: \$450,000

Number of Awards: 2 – 3

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and other public and private nonprofit institutions and organizations

Contact: Britt Jung, Phone: 202-502-7600, Email: [TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:TRIO@ed.gov)

Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs #4 (Priority #4: Student Financial Aid)

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)*

**Deadline: 04/21/2006**

To improve the operation of projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs, the Training Program provides grants to train staff and leadership personnel employed in, participating in, or preparing for employment in, projects funded under the TRIO Programs. Priority 4 is training on: Student financial aid and college and university admissions policies and procedures.

Maximum Grant Size: \$450,000

Number of Awards: 2 – 3

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and other public and private nonprofit institutions and organizations

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Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### Advanced Learning Technologies

*National Science Foundation(NSF)*

**Deadline: 05/04/2006**

Through the Advanced Learning Technologies (ALT) program, the CISE and EHR Directorates of NSF support research that (1) enables radical improvements in learning through innovative computer and information technologies, and (2) advances research in computer science, information technology, learning, and cognitive science through the unique challenges posed by learning environments and learning technology platforms. Integrative research approaches that build across disciplines and establish tight linkages among theory, experiment, and design are strongly encouraged. Technology goals may include systems for tutoring or assessment, modeling and sensing of cognitive or emotional states, context awareness, natural language interfaces, collaboration, knowledge management, and non-traditional goals that redefine the roles of technology in learning. Educational focus for ALT projects must include an area of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM), or general cross-cutting skills directly relevant to STEM.

Total funding available: \$2,800,000

Number of Awards: 6 – 10

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Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)

### Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program: Special Experiential Learning Grants

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 06/01/2006**

The purpose of the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program is to support recruiting, retaining, mentoring, and training of high quality multicultural scholars in undergraduate education, resulting in either a baccalaureate degree within the food, agricultural sciences and natural resources or the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. The MSP seeks to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all Americans by providing competitive grants to colleges and universities that have (1) a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of the food and agricultural sciences, and (2) unique capabilities for achieving representation of diverse cultural groups in the fields of food, agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, agricultural markets, policy and trade, or closely allied disciplines.

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by (a) U.S. public or private non-profit colleges and universities that offer baccalaureate degree or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree programs in at least one discipline of the food and agricultural sciences (see Part VIII, E., Definitions); (b) land-grant colleges and universities, including land-grant institutions in insular areas; (c) colleges and universities with significant minority enrollment and a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences; and (d) other colleges and universities with a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences.

Contact: Audrey A. Trotman, Phone: 202-720-1973, Email: [atrotman@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:atrotman@csrees.usda.gov)

Website: [www.csrees.usda.gov](http://www.csrees.usda.gov)

### Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) Type 2 *National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 8/15/2006** Letter of intent, **9/26/2006** Final applications

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) seeks to increase the number of students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 2 proposals are solicited that support educational research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM.

Funding Available: \$25,000,000

Number of Awards: 1 – 3

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, non-profit non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov>

## HEALTH

### Planning Grants for Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Awards

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline: 2/27/2006** Letter of intent, **3/27/2006** Final applications

This RFA invites applications to support planning activities to design Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Award programs. The goal of the institutional CTSA program is to give the flexibility and stimulus for institutions to increase the synergy of their existing resources and talent and to propose ways to increase the efficiency and speed of clinical and translational research. This goal may be easier to reach if such efforts are conducted within a true academic home, comprising a dedicated faculty and staff who share a transformative vision, mission and strategy. The academic home,

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which can be a Center, Department, or Institute, is expected to include faculty who conduct original research, develop graduate and postgraduate training curricula and lead programs that integrate clinical and translational science across multiple departments, schools, clinical and research institutes and hospitals. The purpose of this RFA is to provide resources to allow institutions to develop a plan for the content, governance, administration and evaluation of a CTSA, and to manage the necessary organizational and cultural changes needed to implement the program. Planning activities are intended to lay the foundation and prepare institutions for submitting a subsequent CTSA application.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Number of Awards: 50

Eligible Applicants: You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Domestic Institutions

Contact: Bernard Talbot, Phone: 301-435-0793, Email: talbotb@mail.nih.gov

Website: <http://www.nih.gov>

### Request for Proposals on Pilot Projects for Environmental Health Indicators

*Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)*

**Deadline: 03/03/2006** letter of intent

The Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), in cooperation with EPA's Border 2012 Environmental Health Working Group and Office of Solid Waste, recently released a Request for Proposals on Pilot Projects for Environmental Health Indicators. The EHIs include those related to waste tires. PAHO is seeking proposals for projects looking at the use of public health indicators to demonstrate a scientific association between increasing tire piles and a measurable health effect (such as reduction in incidence of mosquito-borne diseases).

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Number of Awards: 3-5

Website: <http://www.fep.paho.org/english/env/Projects/Introduction.htm>

### Healthy Eating Research Grants

**Deadline: 03/07/2006**

Healthy Eating Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that supports research to identify, analyze and evaluate environmental and policy strategies that can promote healthy eating among children and prevent childhood obesity. Special emphasis will be given to research projects that will benefit children in the low-income and racial/ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity.

Maximum Award: \$75,000-\$400,000.

Eligibility: Preference given to 501(c)(3) organizations. Must be U.S.-based.. <http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/cfp-healthyEatingRsch.pdf>

### Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*

**Deadline: 03/31/2006**

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications from eligible affected local community-based organizations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide financial assistance to those organizations through the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program (EJ CPS) described in this notice. To be an eligible community-based organization you must fit the definition of an affected local community-based organization (LCBO) described below and must be working on, or planning to work on, a project that addresses a local environmental and/or public health issue within your affected community. For the EJ CPS, the primary purpose of the project must be to address an existing local environmental and/or public health issue. Projects that focus on education and/or training will not be funded. Project may have some educational or training component, but they must be secondary to the overall purpose of the project.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

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**Eligible Applicants:** An "affected" local community-based organization is defined for this cooperative agreement program as an entity/organization that is: (1) located in the same area as the local environmental and/or public health issue that is described in the application and where the residents of the affected community reside; (2) focused primarily on addressing the local environmental and/or public health issues of the residents of the affected community; (3) comprised primarily of members of the affected community; (4) able to demonstrate that it is a non-profit organization through designation by the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and (5) at the most basic level of the organizational hierarchy, such as a grassroots group/neighborhood organization, that is not affiliated with a larger national, regional, or state organization. "Affected" is defined as being in the locale that is influenced or altered by the local environmental and/or public health issue.

Contact: Linda Smith, Phone: 202-564-2602, Email: [smith.linda@epa.gov](mailto:smith.linda@epa.gov)

Website: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

### Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*

**Deadline: 03/31/2006**

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications from eligible affected local community-based organizations in order for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide financial assistance to those organizations through the Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) Program. The EJSG Program is a multimedia program designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. To be an eligible community-based organization you must fit the definition of an affected local community-based organization (LCBO) described below and must be working on or planning to work on a project that addresses a local environmental and/or public health issue within your affected community. For the EJSG, the project's primary purpose must be: (1) to build the collaborative partnership; (2) to identify the local environmental and/or public health issues to be addressed; and (3) to envision solutions and empower the community through education, training, and outreach.

Maximum Grant Size: \$50,000

**Eligible Applicants:** An "affected" local community-based organization is defined for this cooperative agreement program as an entity/organization that is: (1) located in the same area as the local environmental and/or public health issue that is described in the application and where the residents of the affected community reside; (2) focused primarily on addressing the local environmental and/or public health issues of the residents of the affected community; (3) comprised primarily of members of the affected community; (4) able to demonstrate that it is a non-profit organization through designation by the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and (5) at the most basic level of the organizational hierarchy, such as a grassroots group/neighborhood organization, that is not affiliated with a larger national, regional, or state organization. "Affected" is defined as being in the locale that is influenced or altered by the local environmental and/or public health issue.

Contact: Shiela Lewis, Phone: 202-564-0152, Email: [lewis.sheila@epa.gov](mailto:lewis.sheila@epa.gov)

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### Projects to Deliver and Evaluate Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*

**Deadline: 04/04/2006**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) announces the availability of FY 2006 funds for grants to deliver and evaluate peer-to-peer recovery support services that help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. Successful applicants will provide peer-to-peer recovery support services that are responsive to community needs and strengths, and will carry out a quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the services. Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP) grants are authorized under section 509 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2010 focus area 26 (Substance Abuse).

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

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Number of Awards: 7

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example, State and local governments; federally recognized tribes; State recognized tribes, urban Indian organizations; public or private universities and colleges; community- and faith-based organizations; and tribal organizations may apply. The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit organizations.

Contact: Marsha Baker, Phone: 240-276-1566, Email: [marsha.baker@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:marsha.baker@samhsa.hhs.gov)

Website: [www.samhsa.hhs.gov](http://www.samhsa.hhs.gov)

### Development of Comprehensive Drug/Alcohol and Mental Health Treatment Systems for Persons Who are Homeless

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*

**Deadline: 04/06/2006**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and Center for Mental Health Services announce the availability of FY 2006 funds for the Development of Comprehensive Drug/Alcohol and Mental Health Treatment Systems for Persons Who are Homeless (Short Title: Treatment for Homeless). The "Treatment for Homeless" program began in FY 2001. Treatment for Homeless grants are services grants authorized under Section 506 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. SAMHSA's Services Grants are designed to address gaps in substance abuse and mental health services and/or to increase the ability of States, units of local government, federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and community- and faith-based organizations to help specific populations or geographic areas with serious, emerging mental health and substance abuse problems. SAMHSA intends that its Services Grants result in the delivery of services as soon as possible and no later than 4 months after award. SAMHSA's Services Grants may include substance abuse prevention, substance abuse treatment and/or mental health services. This announcement is for substance abuse treatment and mental health services.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility is restricted by statute to community-based public and private nonprofit entities. These entities include county governments, city or township governments, federally recognized tribes, State recognized tribes, urban Indian organizations (as defined in P.L. 94-437, as amended), tribal organizations, community-based nonprofit organizations (including faith-based organizations), and community-based State entities, such as State colleges, universities and hospitals, that propose to provide services under this announcement to the community. States are not eligible to apply under this statute.

Contact: Joanne Gampel, Phone: 240-276-2895, Email: [joanne.gampel@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:joanne.gampel@samhsa.hhs.gov)

Website: [www.samhsa.hhs.gov](http://www.samhsa.hhs.gov)

### Cooperative Agreements For HIV/AIDS Related Mental Health Services In Minority Communities

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*

**Deadline: 05/01/2006**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announces the availability of FY 2006 funds for grants to enhance and expand the provision of effective, culturally competent HIV/AIDS-related mental health services in minority communities for persons living with HIV/AIDS and having a mental health need. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that of the 400,000 persons living with AIDS, 250,000 cases are among people of color (CDC, 2003). As the incidence of HIV/AIDS increases among people of color, the need for mental health treatment goes up as well. Psychiatric/psychological/psychosocial/neuro-psychiatric complications frequently are not diagnosed or addressed either at the time of diagnosis or through the course of the HIV/AIDS disease process. When untreated, these complications are associated with increased morbidity and mortality, impaired quality of life, and numerous medical and/or behavioral challenges, such as non-adherence with the treatment regimen.

Maximum Grant Size: \$525,000

Number of Awards: 16

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example federally recognized tribes; State recognized tribes, urban Indian organizations; public or private universities and colleges; community- and faith-based organizations; and tribal organizations may apply. Because only direct mental health service providers may apply, States and local governments are not eligible. The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit organizations.

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Contact: Barbara J. Silver, Phone: 240-276-1962, Email: [barbara.silver@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:barbara.silver@samhsa.hhs.gov), Website: [www.samhsa.hhs.gov](http://www.samhsa.hhs.gov)

### Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline:** 5/1/2006 Letter of intent, 6/1/2006 Final applications

This funding opportunity is aimed at advancing the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity pertinent to cancer and/or other pathologies through support of research on improved instruments, technologies, and/or statistical/analytical techniques. Studies proposed in the grant applications should be aimed at optimizing the combined use of objective and self-report measures of physical activity and/or dietary intake for testing in both general and diverse populations. Diet and physical activity are lifestyle and behavioral factors that play a role in the etiology and prevention of many chronic diseases, such as cancer, coronary heart disease, and overweight/obesity as well as in maintaining weight loss. Accurate longitudinal data on physical activity and dietary intake patterns would be especially helpful in understanding how these factors may impact on health and functional status over the human lifespan.

**Eligible Applicants:** You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State governments, Units of local governments, Units of State Tribal governments, Units of local Tribal governments, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Domestic institutions, Foreign institutions and Faith-based or community-based organizations.

Contact: Amy Subar, Ph.D. or Richard Troiano, Contact Phone: 301-594-0831 or 301-435-6822, Email: [subara@mail.nih.gov](mailto:subara@mail.nih.gov), [troiano@mail.nih.gov](mailto:troiano@mail.nih.gov)

Website: [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)

### National Research Initiative: Human Nutrition and Obesity

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)*

**Deadline:** 6/15/2006

This crosscutting program addresses the complex problem of obesity prevention. Projects funded by this program are intended to lead to a better understanding of the behavioral and environmental factors that influence obesity and to the development and evaluation of effective interventions to prevent obesity. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Program Description section for current priorities and additional information relative to the programs of interest.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,500,000

**Eligible Applicants:** 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, City or Township Governments, County Governments, For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Organizations, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Small Businesses, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education and State Governments

Contact: Etta Saltos, Phone: 202-401-5178, Email: [esaltos@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:esaltos@csrees.usda.gov)

Website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov>

### Research on Pathways Linking Environments, Behaviors and HIV/AIDS

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

**Deadline:** 09/01/2006

This announcement invites research on the interrelationships among and pathways linking social, economic, cultural, and institutional environments; prevalence and patterning of individual behaviors related to HIV risk and prevention; and the prevalence, patterning, and spread of HIV infection in a population. This announcement seeks to stimulate innovative approaches to understanding the complex mechanisms involved in the spread of HIV



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and its consequences in a variety of populations across the globe. This includes the search for, production of and testing of improved models to account for changes in both behavior and biology under different levels of disease prevalence.

**Eligible Applicants:** You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics: For-profit organizations, Non-profit organizations, Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, Units of State government, Units of local government, Eligible agencies of the Federal government, Foreign Institutions, Domestic Institutions, Faith-based or community-based organizations

Contact: Susan Newcomer, Contact Phone: 301-435-6981, Email: [newcomes@mail.nih.gov](mailto:newcomes@mail.nih.gov)

### W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grants

*W.K. Kellogg Foundation*

**Deadline: Rolling/ Open**

Health programming at the Kellogg Foundation focuses explicitly on improving individual and community health and improving access and the quality of health care. The goal over the next five years is to promote health among vulnerable individuals and communities through programming that: empowers individuals, mobilizes communities, engages institutions, improves health care quality and access, and informs public and marketplace policy. Grant making takes into account the social and economic determinants of health within a person's community; the quality of health institutions within that community; and the policies that determine how health services are organized, provided, and financed. Grant making also targets communities, health care systems, and public health as centers of change.

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible organizations include nonprofit organizations with 501(c) 3 status.

Contact: Deborah A Rey, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, One Michigan Ave. East, Battle Creek, MI 49017-4058.

Website: <http://www.wkkf.org/Grants/>

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### Public Awareness in Underserved Communities

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)*

**Deadline: 03/21/2006**

OVC invites applications for the development of victimization-focused public awareness campaigns targeted at communities that are traditionally underserved due to language barriers and/or cultural and social isolation. The applicant may choose its own focus or type of crime victimization for the public awareness campaign, but the applicant must demonstrate significant expertise in the subject area chosen as well as the capability of conveying accurate information and resources on that topic. In addition, the applicant must document the need for focusing awareness and education efforts on the type of victimization chosen for the campaign. The applicant must choose an area of focus for which there are available resources in the immediate community, and the application must include a strategy for coordinating with the service organizations that can provide these resources.

Maximum Grant Size: \$350,000

Number of Awards: 1-7

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants are private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, or public agencies that can demonstrate:

- knowledge and understanding of the victimization issue or issues to be highlighted in the public awareness campaign,
- experience in the provision of victim services and advocacy, and

staff resources and capability to carry out all activities required by the funded project.

Contact: Marie Martinez, Phone: 202-514-5084, Email: [marie.martinez@usdoj.gov](mailto:marie.martinez@usdoj.gov)

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### NATURE, CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

#### Texas Outdoor Recreation Grants

*Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife*

**Deadline: 01/31/06 and 07/31/2006**

This program provides 50% matching grant funds **to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas**. Projects must be completed within three years of approval.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: cities, counties, MUDs and other special districts

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

#### Texas Indoor Recreation Grants

*Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife*

**Deadline: 07/31/2006**

The program provides 50% matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs, and other local units of government to construct recreation centers, community centers, nature centers and other facilities.

Maximum Grant Size: \$637,500

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

#### Texas Community Outdoor Outreach Program (COOP) Grants

*Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife*

**Deadline: 02/01/2006 and 10/01/2006**

The COOP grant helps to introduce under-served populations to the **services, programs, and facilities** of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This is not a land acquisition/construction grant; this is only for programs and services.

Maximum Grant Size: \$30,000

Eligible Applicants: non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities, and other groups.

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

#### Texas Recreational Trail Grants

*Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife*

**Deadline: 06/01/2006**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. The grants can be up to 80% of project cost. Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#lwcf>

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## TRANSPORTATION

### Border Enforcement Grant Program

*U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)*

**Deadline: 03/15/2006**

This document announces the availability of grant funding under the FY2006 Border Enforcement Grant (BEG) program as specified in Section 4110 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU). Section 4110 establishes a BEG program. The program is a discretionary grant program funded by a single source. It provides funding for carrying out border commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety programs and related enforcement activities and projects. An entity or a State that shares a land border with another country is eligible to receive grant funding.

Total Funding Available: \$32,000,000

Eligible Applicants: An entity or a State that shares a land border with another country is eligible to receive grant funding.

Contact: Milt Schmidt, Phone: 518-431-4239 x 262

Website: [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

### Child Safety and Child Booster Seats Incentive Grants

*U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)*

**Deadline: 07/01/2006**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces a grant program under Section 2011 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act--A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU) to implement programs to purchase and distribute child restraints, support enforcement of child restraint laws, train child passenger safety professionals concerning all aspects of child restraint use, and educate the public concerning the proper use and installation of child restraints.

Eligible Applicants: Each of the fifty United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico may submit an application under this program.

Contact: Judy Hammond, Phone: 202-366-2121, Website: [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

### Incentive Grant Program To Prohibit Racial Profiling

*U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)*

**Deadline: 07/01/2006**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces a new incentive grant program concerning racial profiling under section 1906 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Eligible Applicants: The 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible to apply for grants under the section 1906 grant program.

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Website: [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

### State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Grants

*U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)*

**Deadline: 06/15/2006**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces a grant program to improve State traffic safety information systems under Section 2006 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU). This Notice informs the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through their Governors' Representatives for Highway Safety, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (on behalf of the Indian tribes), of the application procedures to receive grants to be made available in fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

Eligible Applicants: The 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Indian tribes through the Bureau of Indian Affairs are eligible to apply for grants under the Section 408 Program.

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### Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Grants

*U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA)*

**Deadline: 04/03/2006**

Improving mobility and shaping America's future by ensuring that the transportation system is accessible, integrated, and efficient, and offers flexibility of choices is a key strategic goal of the Department of Transportation. Over-the-road Bus Accessibility projects will improve mobility for individuals with disabilities by providing financial assistance to help make vehicles accessible and training to ensure that drivers and others understand how to use accessibility features as well as how to treat patrons with disabilities.

Maximum Grant Size: \$180,000

Eligible Applicants: Grants will be made directly to operators of over-the-road buses. Intercity, fixed-route over-the-road bus service providers may apply for the \$5,568,750 available to intercity fixed-route providers in FY 2006. Applicants must establish eligibility as intercity fixed-route providers by meeting established criteria on six factors identified in the application. Other over-the-road bus service providers, including operators of local fixed-route service, commuter service, and charter or tour service may apply for the \$1,856,250 available in FY 2006 for these providers. OTRB operators who provide both intercity, fixed-route service and another type of service, such as commuter, charter or tour, may apply for both categories of funds with a single application. Private for-profit operators of over-the-road buses are eligible to be direct applicants for this program.

Contact: Blenda Younger, Phone: 202-366-2053, Email: [blenda.younger@fta.dot.gov](mailto:blenda.younger@fta.dot.gov)

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